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SUBJECT: NEGATIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN

REF: LONDON 16669

1. FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL HAS NOT, REPEAT NOT, PRESCRIBED ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FOR DRUGS WHICH MIGHT HAVE ORIGINATED IN VIET NAM, CAMBODIA OR NORTH KOREA.

2. HOWEVER, TREASURY REGULATIONS DO PROHIBIT UNLICENSED IMPORTATION OF ANY GOODS ORIGINATING IN THOSE AREAS. ANY SUCH UNLICENSED IMPORTATION WOULD RENDER GOODS SUBJECT TO SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE. WE PRESUME MERCK TRYING TO PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST THAT RISK BY SEEKING NEGATIVE CERTIFICATE. SUCH CERTIFICATE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY PROTECT GOODS FROM DETENTION AND POSSIBLE SEIZURE, BUT WOULD ENABLE MERCK TO DEMAND REFUND FROM VENDOR.

3. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT IMPORTATION WOULD BE LICENSED
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EVEN IF GOODS OF PROSCRIBED ORIGIN: MERCK WELCOME TO APPLY FOR LICENSE. DECISION WOULD DEPEND ON TREASURY EVALUATION OF RELEVANT FACTS, BUT CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO FACT GOODS REPORTEDLY SEIZED BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. VANCE

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